GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:31
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ITBP MOUNTAINEERING TEAM
GANGASANDRA SIDDAPPA BASAVARAJ

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an ITBP mountaineering team was killed in Pithoragarh District of Uttaranchal;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of ITBP Jawans killed with this team;

(c) whether the Government have provided any financial help to the relatives of the jawans killed in this operation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND)

(a) & (b): Seven ITBP personnel and two High Altitude Porters got trapped in amassive avalanche and were killed while returning from Pancha Chuli peak in Pithoragarh District of Uttaranchal.

(c) & (d): A Court of Inquiry (COI) has been ordered into the incident. Admissible payments to the next of kin of the deceased are released after the COI is over.